

REMARKS

Claims 10-18, 21-43 and 45-48 are pending. Claims 44 and 45 have been cancelled. Claim 46 has been amended as suggested by the Examiner. Support for this amendment is found in the specification on page 1, line 24. Accordingly, the Applicants do not believe that any new matter has been added.

The Applicants thank Examiner Covington and SPE Chang for the helpful and courteous discussions of May 12 and May 13, 2005. The Examiner requested that Claims 44-45 be cancelled and that Claim 46 be revised. While the Applicants disagreed that these claims are not enabled, to expedite allowance of this application, these amendments have now been made.

The Examiner faxed the Applicants a copy of CS 159330 on May 12, 2005. This document would not be applicable prior art against independent Claim 36 for the reasons set forth in the Applicants return fax of May 13, 2005. That is, the proviso in independent Claim 36 excludes the compound disclosed by CS159330. The Examiner also indicated that an update of the prior art search had revealed other art, but that this art would not be applied because of structural differences between the compounds recited by the present claims and those disclosed by this art. In view of the above amendments and remarks, favorable consideration and allowance of this application is now respectfully requested.

Information Disclosure Statement

The Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner fully acknowledge the documents cited on the information disclosure statement submitted February 14, 2002. Reference "AW", Z. Vejdelek et al., Chem. Abstracts 80, No. 7, page 279 (1974) has not been initialed. A copy of Form 1449 previously submitted on February 14, 2002 is attached to this response for the convenience of the Examiner.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the Applicants respectfully submit that this application is now in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is earnestly solicited.

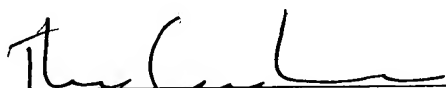
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